

Scoops And Color Along The Jordan-Iraq Border

By MORT ROSENBLUM
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Editor's Note— Paris-based Mort Rosenblum has been in Jordan writing color stories about refugees able to get out of Iraq and Kuwait.

When someone at the dinner table says, "I have a scoop for you," he or she usually doesn't. But my hostess, who also produced a pretty good minced lamb, had two. It was good news and bad news.

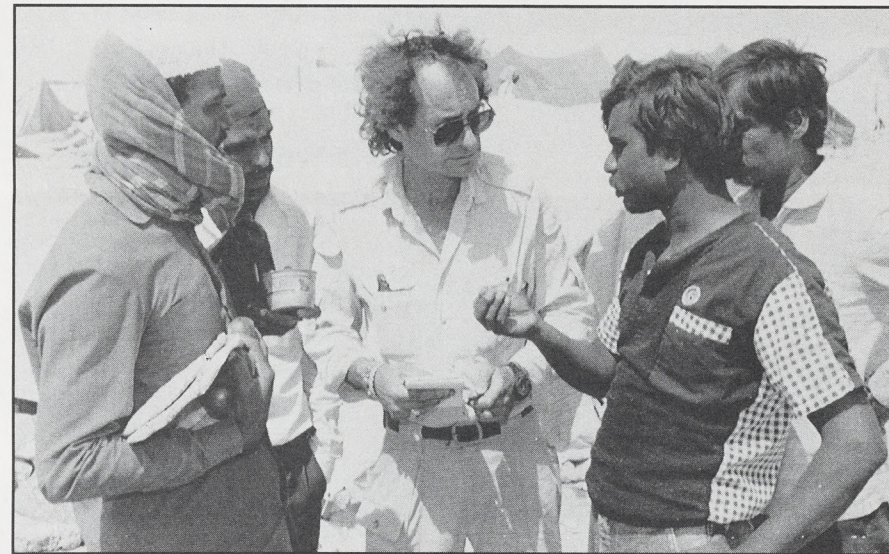
The good news was Dick Clay, a tattooed, beer-bellied, blunt-spoken German-Irish Hoosier who pulled a Stalag 17 escape from Kuwait disguised as a Filipino. He evacuated 34 Filipino employees and also saved himself by pretending he was one of them.

The bad news was Shaalan, a miserable patch of open desert in no man's land between Jordan and Iraq, where 40,000 Asian refugees fought over scraps of food, waiting days and weeks for word that their governments would get them home.

More often, we got news the old-fashioned way. AP staffers made regular runs to Ruweishid, the besieged border post that should be less than four hours from Amman. The night our Daewoo sedan died in the desert, it took a lot longer.

We staked out the airport for possible hostage arrivals. One quick "I'll-just-check" turned into a 12-hour vigil lasting well past midnight.

AP had a few secret weapons, such as Amman correspondent Jamal Halaby, with whom I believe the Jordan sun consults each morning before rising.



Mort Rosenblum interviews refugees at Shaalan camp near the Iraqi-Jordanian border.

Khaled the driver, better known as speedy, must have set a record for a trip to Amman airport while all the while indicating in sign language that he intended to inherit my Banana Republic trousers.

Our people in Nicosia, Cyprus, and particularly Middle East News Editor Ed Blanche, made sense of hurried copy and plugged assorted holes.

As the Persian Gulf crisis unfolded, Amman was jammed with more than 600 reporters, camera crew members, producers, assorted hangers-on and T-shirt makers. At news conferences, the crush was murderous. But a few simple rules made it easy to elude the pack.

I avoided the U.S. Embassy where the usual suspects, "Western diplomats," were skittish and over booked. Instead, I found diplomats of small independent countries and Arab states willing to be generous. I got my mood quotes first-

hand, helped by stringer Wafa Amr, rather than filtering them through analysts.

Also, I watched for clues. For example, in Salem Fouad's cab, the grinning photo of Saddam Hussein taped to the windshield might suggest an America-hating fanatic. But, in his glove compartment, Fouad carried an invitation to his brother's forthcoming wedding to Tammy Payne in Nashville, Tenn.

For everyone at the Amman bureau, days began with the dawn BBC newscast and ended late at night. Meals were grabbed on the fly and each staffer had a preference. Alex Efty went for grape juice, unfermented. Some of us learned toward Queen Burger. But Jerry Bodlander of AP Network News liked the nearby nut shop. He set the tone, at night lead time, thrusting out a fist and yelling: "Nuts."

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Events at 3 W. 51st St. unless noted.

Event reservations 212-983-4655.

Lodging and meal reservations 212-582-5454.

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m.
Board of Governors.

Monday, Dec. 3, 5:30 p.m.
Lighting of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree.
Stop in for a toast in the Mezzanine Pub before or after this glittering Yuletide tradition, right across the street from the club.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 8 a.m.
Board of Governors. Breakfast.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m.
Six Degrees of Separation, Theater Party, Lincoln Center, preceded by cocktails and dinner; \$85 per person. For information: Jamie Parilla, Women's National Republican Club, 212-582-5454.

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m.
Vitaly Korotich, an early practitioner of glasnost, editor of the Soviet weekly Ogonyok, and a member of the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies, will update events in his homeland and answer questions at a special OPC presentation.
Reservations.

Thursday, Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m.
Annual Holiday Party. Small gifts for Santa's pack are needed. Send them to the OPC office.
Reservations.

New Midtown OPC Welcomes Member's Credit Card Charges

Non-resident members and those living overseas, can now use their personal major credit cards for payment of lodging, restaurant or bar service at 3 W. 51st St.

This new procedure will eliminate billing for about half the OPC members who use the club's facilities a few times each year. Resident members, both active and associate, are being issued new identification cards which will permit charges and the issuance of monthly statements.

In moving into the new quarters, operated by the Women's National Republican Club, a monthly ceiling of \$500 was set for residential charge users.

Resident members are asked to use personal major credit cards, or company charge cards, when they arrange private functions, conferences, or large lunches on behalf of their company. The club has

several function rooms for various size meetings.

Club Manager Mary Novick requests that whenever possible non-resident members notify the OPC Office one week in advance of a New York visit. A use card will be issued for the stay.

Member Applications

ACTIVE RESIDENT

Janice Castro, associate editor, *Time*, New York.

Esther R. Dyer, editor-in-chief, *usAsia International*, New York.

Richard A. Phalen Sr., contributing editor, *Forbes*, New York.

Rick VanWarner, managing editor, *Nation's Restaurant News*, New York.

ACTIVE OVERSEAS

Gitobu Imanyara, editor-in-chief, *Nairobi Law Monthly*.

AFFILIATE

John T. Gould, director of corporate affairs, Unilever, New York.

Julia Perles, listed in a previous *OPC Bulletin* as a new associate resident, is an affiliate member.

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Spring In Ireland For OPC

By RALPH GARDNER

Here's a VIP travel bulletin for all OPCers, especially those who, since returning from last year's fabulous trip to Paris and Cannes, have been asking, "When is our next trip and where are we going?"

The OPC Special Events Committee has now announced an Irish Spring for between 30 and 40 members, spouses, or guests accompanying members.

We depart JFK Airport for Dublin on Aer Lingus on Thursday, June 6 and

return on Friday, June 14. We'll be there when the magnificent Irish countryside with its forty shades of green is most spectacular.

A glittering schedule of receptions, newsmaker meetings, entertainment and sightseeing is planned. There will be ample unscheduled time for shopping, strolling, visiting pubs, and a variety of other arranged and unplanned activities.

Just a few examples of the hospitality we'll enjoy depending on final scheduling include a get-together with Ireland's prime minister, Charles Haughey, a meeting with Ireland's new president, to be elected in December, a reception at our embassy in Dublin, hosted by U.S. Ambassador Richard Moore.

There will be a tour of the Guinness Brewery, with lunch in their VIP suite if our schedule permits; a performance at the Abbey Theater; an evening of traditional Irish cabaret, including dinner; a

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Dublin City, Ireland, One Stop On OPC Tour

Korotich Is Dec. 5 Speaker

Vitaly Korotich, the Soviet Union's preeminent *glasnost* journalist, will speak at OPC at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 3 W. 51st St. on the latest developments in his homeland.

Since 1986 he has been editor of the newsmagazine *Ogonyok*, considered by many the most progressive publication in the Soviet Union. Under Korotich's editorship, *Ogonyok* printed first-hand accounts of the Afghanistan War, revealed crimes committed under Stalin, and exposed corruption among Communist Party officials.

For reservations call 212-983-4655. In 1988 *World Press Review* named Korotich its International Editor of the Year, citing his "courage, enterprise and leadership in advancing press freedom and responsibility, defending human rights, and fostering excellence in journalism."

In 1989 he was elected to the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies, where he represents Kharkov in the Ukraine. Born in Kiev, Ukraine, USSR, Korotich trained as a cardiologist. As a professional writer and journalist, Korotich has published 42 books.

Korotich is in New York as a fellow at the Gannett Center for Media Studies at Columbia University.

Who's doing what, when, here, there, everywhere

By AL KAFF and RALPH GARDNER

Times Magazine Passes From One Ex-Foreign Editor To Another

James L. Greenfield, editor of the *New York Times Magazine*, is retiring at the end of the year, to be succeeded by Warren Hoge. Greenfield, 65, and Hoge, 49, are both former foreign editors of the *Times*.

Greenfield served as a foreign reporter for *Time* and *Life*, and with the U.S. State Department during the John F. Kennedy administration. Hoge spent four years in Rio de Janeiro before becoming foreign editor in 1983; he has been an assistant managing editor since 1986.

LONDON NOTES: Daniel Wagner Signs Hungarian Data Deal

Member Daniel Wagner announced that the London-based information database that he heads has signed an agreement with Kopoint-Datorg, leading Hungarian research company, to provide consumer and retail market information for non-Eastern bloc countries. Wagner is president of Market Analysis and Information Database (M.A.I.D.).

Gerry Loughran Finds Colleagues Abroad

Gerry Loughran, ex-UPI foreign editor and now managing editor of the Third World-oriented Compass News Service in London, reports that his search for contributors in far-flung places fre-

quently turns up former colleagues now plying their trade on their own behalf.

Included are long-time London senior editor Greg Jensen, who contributes from his adopted city on arts and social developments in Britain, and Rick Ehrlich, ex-UPI Asia, who covers that region from his base in Bangkok.

Reuter's Pat McCarty Moves To London

Reassigned to Reuters/London from Stockholm, ex-Unipresser Pat McCarty; her father Charlie, one-time UPI photo chief, thrives in retirement in Brussels.

Frederick T. C. Yu Helps Taiwan J-School

Taiwan will have its first graduate school for journalism students in September, 1991. Professor Frederick T. C. Yu of the Columbia University graduate j-school spent his sabbatical year in Taipei helping set up the new school, returning to New York for the current school term.

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Al Kaff Visiting Asia With Cornell President

Since late October, Board Member Al Kaff has been traveling to Taipei, Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Seoul with the party accompanying Cornell University President Frank H. T. Rhodes. British-born Rhodes hopes to establish closer relations with Cornell alumni and potential corporate donors as the university launches a five-year, \$1.15 billion fund drive.

Judges Sought For Annual OPC Awards

Entry blanks for the annual awards competition should be in the mail by late November, with a Jan. 31 deadline.

Judges for several categories are being sought, and volunteers may contact awards chair Allan Frank or President H. L. Stevenson. Judging will take place in February.

Keep Your Colleagues Posted In This Column

Overseas members: Send items to Al Kaff, Cornell University News Service, 840 Hanshaw Road, Ithaca, New York 14850-1548, USA.

Domestic members: Drop a note or clip to Ralph Gardner, OPC Bulletin, Suite 2116, 310 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10017.

Photographs welcome!

Viewpoint: Media Crusade For War, Not The Truth

By BARBARA REYNOLDS
USA Today

With the media leading the charge, our calvary could be at war with Iraq in the Persian Gulf in no time.

Instead of aiding clarity and integrity, the media have helped us learn little about our enemy's culture, religion or land. Historically, it has been easier to kill, invade, intern, enslave those who are viewed as alien to Western culture?

The media as drum major for war and deception, as gatekeeper and cheerleader rather than crusader for truth, is a fascinating subject. This role is acutely analyzed in a thinking person's book by Martin A. Lee and Norman Solomon: *Unreliable Sources, A Guide To Detecting bias In News Media*. (Lyle Stuart, \$19.95)

Their book explores links between the CIA and the media, how corporate bosses affect the way journalists cover the news, and the influence of petrodollars on public TV.

Since the book is about the media's dirty secrets, the authors aren't surprised that national TV interviews have been few, although the book is selling out in stores.

"In abusive situations," said Solomon, "silence is golden because once people begin to debate the issues, wrong turns can be avoided. Our mass media perpetuate the silence."

I'd like to know:

Why didn't the State Department do more to warn U.S. citizens to get out of Kuwait, when the CIA was warning policy makers days in advance of the Kuwaiti invasion?

While the U.S. spends billions to protect Kuwait's billionaire emir, 13.5

million children here live in poverty. How many of the emir's 50 children go to bed hungry?

Why does the press ignore the black public's opinions, when the troops sweating it out in the desert sand are disproportionately minority? Many blacks don't support the deployment, says Rep. Floyd Flake, D.-N.Y., because they feel they're pawns in an ill-defined mission.

If the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait is wrong, why is Israel's invasion of Lebanon and occupation of the West bank right? "I am an American Jew and I understand the concerns about the survival of Israel, but still the news media are operating under a double standard," says Solomon.

Who is doing the news explains the rah-rahing.

This White Noise is male-Caucasian-dominated news, says Solomon, whose report deals with how 97 percent of the foreign editing and reporting, as well as punditry, is the exclusive territory of white males.

With that kind of honesty, you can see why media moguls aren't happy about the Solomon and Lee book.

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Irish Spring

visit to the Dail Eireann, Ireland's Senate, hosted by Speaker of the Senate Sean Treacy.

We're also planning a gathering with Irish journalists, as well as another with Ireland's top people in business, finance, publishing, and government.

Obituaries

John C. Henry, 84, Covered Roosevelt White House

John C. Henry, 84, a career journalist with the *Washington Star* who served as president of the White House Correspondents' Association in 1941-42, and head of the Society of American Business Writers in 1971, died Aug. 28.

Henry joined the *Star* in 1934 to cover labor and politics. He became White House correspondent in 1939 and covered President Roosevelt and World War II, with bylines from around the globe.

He served in the Air Transport Command as an aide to Gen. Patrick Hurley, leaving with the rank of colonel. He attended the Cairo, Teheran, Potsdam and Second Quebec conferences and was one of the first Americans to travel to Moscow and the Stalingrad front. He was the ghostwriter of *FDR: My Boss* by Grace Tully.

Angelo Natale, 64, Headed Associated Press Desks

Angelo Natale, editorial supervisor for the World Service and Foreign desks for the AP in New York since 1973, died Sept. 26. He was 64. Natale joined AP in 1942, spent 20 months in the military during World War II, then returned to serve as a correspondent in domestic and foreign bureaus. Overseas posts included Cairo and Moscow. In 1968, he moved to the desk that transmits news to subscribers outside the U.S.

Max Bergerre, 86, Covered Six Popes Starting In 1931

Max Bergerre, 86, dean of the Vatican press corps, died of cancer Aug. 12

in Rome. Bergerre covered six popes during his tenure which started in 1931 for Havas, the French news agency. He worked later for AFP and ANSA.

Alden Whitman, Times Obituary Specialist

Alden Whitman, 76, who interviewed dozens of famous people to gather material for his *New York Times* obituaries, died September 4 of a stroke in New York. Whitman spent 25 years on the *Times*, about half of the time crafting the obituaries for world leaders, artists, actors and others. Among those interviewed for advance obituaries were Ho Chi Minh, Pablo Picasso, Albert Schweitzer, and Harry Truman.

Daniel T. Bingham, 82, Reported WWII For Times

Daniel T. Bingham, 82, who covered World War II for the *New York Times* from Switzerland, died July 28 in Coos Bay, Ore. After the war he worked for the *New York Journal-American*, retiring in 1968.

Joseph Cunningham, 72, AP Cartoonist

Joseph P. Cunningham, 72, longtime cartoonist for the Associated Press and reporter who covered the Normandy invasion in France in 1944 for *Yank* magazine, died June 19 in New Rochelle, N.Y. Cunningham's cartoons, distributed by the AP, included "Buckley," a GI character. He retired in the 1970's.

Charles Sanders, 58, Was Ebony's Man In Paris

Charles Sanders, managing editor of *Ebony* magazine, died Oct. 4 in Chicago at the age of 58. Sanders joined the

magazine in 1963, and went to Paris to open a bureau two years later. During his three years in the French capital, he also wrote a column for *Ebony's* sister publication, *Jet*.

Arthur J. Crockett, 69, Wrote For Stars & Stripes

Arthur J. Crockett, 69, a decorated Army radio operator during the Battle of the Bulge in Europe and a writer for *Stars and Stripes*, died June 22 in Jamaica Hospital, New York. After the war Crockett served as editor in chief of *True Detective* and other crime magazines in New York.

James Stanford Bradshaw, AP Latin America Hand

James Stanford Bradshaw, 68, who covered Cuba and Latin America for the AP before becoming a journalism professor in 1969, died of cancer Aug. 2 in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Bradshaw taught at Central Michigan University after leaving the news service.

Jules Waldman, Founded Daily Journal In Caracas

Jules Waldman, 77, who started the English language *Daily Journal* in Caracas in 1945, died July 25, a month after armed thugs bound him and looted his home in Caracas.

Marjorie Avery Bernhard Worked For Detroit Dailies

Marjorie Avery Bernhard, 91, whose reporting career included World War II coverage for Detroit dailies, died July 19. She quit the business after the war when she married Andrew Bernhard, editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.